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SUBJ: GKR STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CHARGE PASSED COPY GKR STATEMENT PROPOSING NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT CONDITIONS (REF B) TO KHMER AMBASSADOR WONGSANITH MORNING JULY 9. WONGSANITH MET WITH PERMSEC MFA BOGAARS LATER SAME DAY AND SOLICITED GOS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR GKR STATEMENT. ACCORDING WONGSANITH BOGAARS SAID GOS SUPPORTED THE GENERAL LINE REFLECTED IN GKR STATEMENT, BUT NOTED SINGAPORE WAS SMALL COUNTRY AND QUESTIONED WHETHER ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. WONGSANITH TOLD BOGAARS HE COULD UNDERSTAND GOS RELUCTANCE TO TAKE PUBLIC STAND BY ITSELF, BUT URGED GOS TO DISCUSS IT
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WITH OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS WITH VIEW TO HAVING ASEAN COLLECTIVELY MAKE A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF GKR PROPOSAL.
BOGAARS PROMISED TO TAKE IT UP WITH FONMIN RAJARATNAM.

2. WITH AMBASSADOR WONGANITH'S CONCURRENCE CHARGE FOLLOWED UP ON JULY 10 WITH APPROACH TO DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG. TAN NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF ASEAN SECRETARIES GENERAL IN KUALA LUMPUR NEXT WEEK AND HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THEY WOULD USE OCCASION TO REVIEW THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND LATEST GKR STATEMENT. HE SAID AN ASEAN STATEMENT SUPPORTING GKR PROPOSAL WOULD BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN SEPARATE STATEMENT BY ONE OR TWO ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY PROMISE THAT GOS WOULD PRESS FOR AN ASEAN STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AT THE KUALA LUMPUR MEETING BUT IMPLIED THAT GOS WOULD GO ALONG WITH SUCH A STATEMENT. TAN ALSO OBSERVED THAT GOS VIEW OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION AND LATEST GKR STATEMENT. HE SAID AN ASEAN STATEMENT SUPPORTING GKR PROPOSAL WOULD BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN SEPARATE STATEMENT BY ONE OR TWO ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY PROMISE THAT GOS WOULD PRESS FOR AN ASEAN STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AT THE KUALA LUMPUR MEETING BUT IMPLIED THAT GOS WOULD GO ALONG WITH SUCH A STATEMENT. TAN ALSO OBSERVED THAT GOS VIEW OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION WAS "CONSONANT" WITH VIEW EXPRESSED IN GKR STATEMENT.
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